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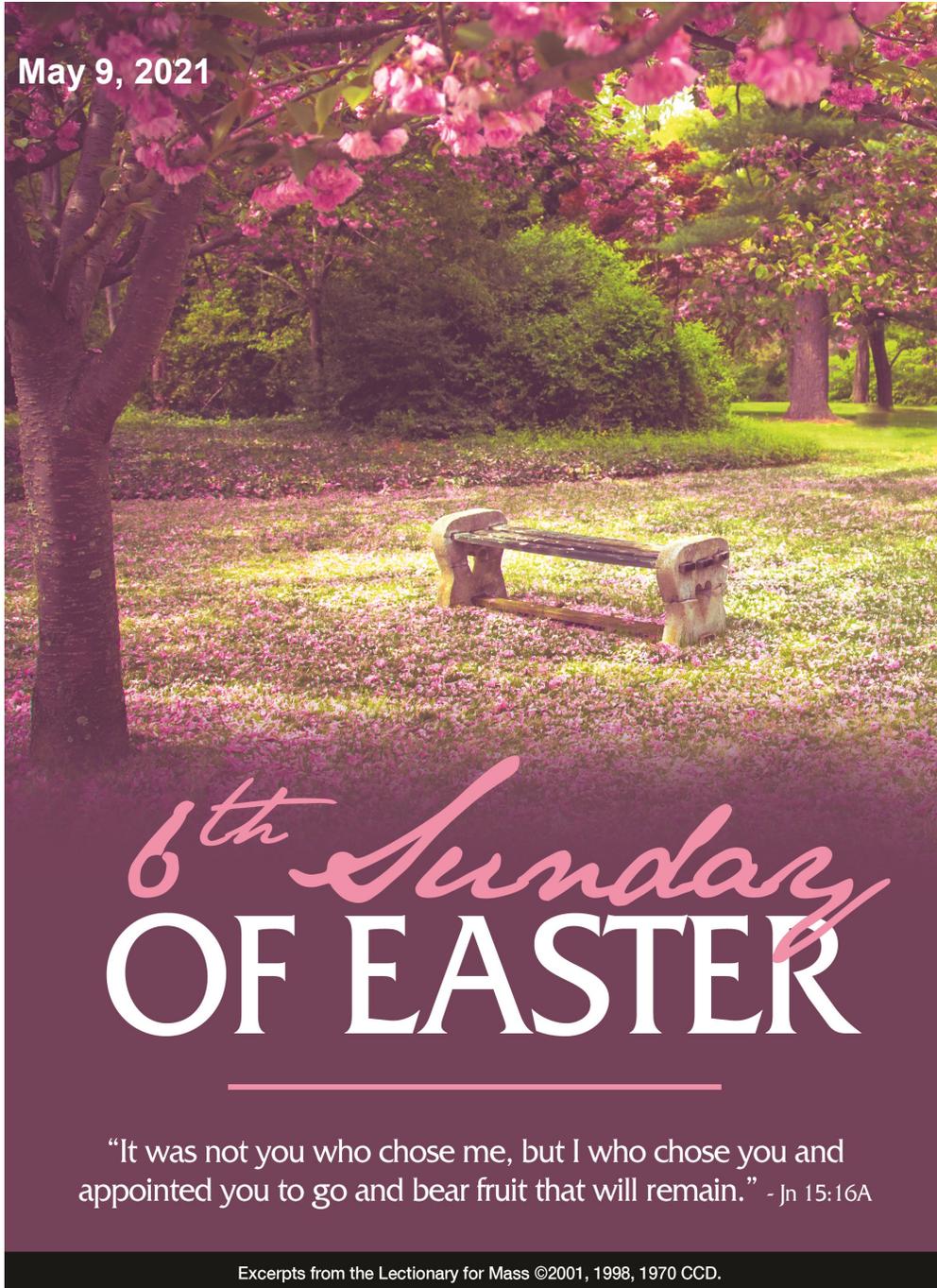


St. Viator Catholic Community



Text "Sox" to 84576

May 9, 2021



8th Sunday OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Mass Schedule May 3 - May 9

Weekday Masses

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 6:45 AM
Wednesday - 8:15 AM
Thursday - 6:45 AM
Friday - 8:15 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 4:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and Noon

Doors open 30 minutes
before Mass begins

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM
In the Parish Center

The diocese determined that we can utilize every pew in the church since distancing between households is now 3 feet apart.

Turn the page for more
information

Updated Safety Protocols

After consultation with the Diocesan Restoration Advisory Council, Bishop Thomas and the Council have mandated the following revised protocols for **implementation beginning Saturday May 1, 2021:**

- The maximum number of people that may be in Mass at one time is now increased to 80% of fire code capacity. The social distancing mandate of six feet (6) has been reduced to three (3) feet. You must maintain three (3) feet of social distancing between congregants that are not of the same household. To that end, you may not be able to allow 80% of your occupancy limit due to the three (3) feet of social distancing requirement. To be clear, you must use the equation of both 80% of fire code occupancy **AND** three (3) feet of social distancing to arrive at the allowable number of congregants you may now have in any one location.
- The mandate to obtain information from attendees for contact tracing purposes is no longer required.
- Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 24 issued on June 24, 2020 ("Directive"), face coverings **MUST** be worn at all times during Mass, with the exception of consuming the host.

Safety ushers will continue the following:

- Sanitize the hands of all who attend Mass
- Guide each household to an appropriate pew
- Direct all to their designated Communion station
- Assist with organized exiting



Current Food Drive
through May 16th
to benefit the clients of

SAINT
Therese
CENTER
HIY OUTREACH

Most needed items for
the clients of St. Therese:

canned meat
canned tuna
canned chili
canned stew
canned vegetables
canned fruit
beans (all kinds)
Top Ramen noodles
pasta
pasta sauce
peanut butter
jelly
cereal
Bisquick
sugar
flour

Bring food donations to Mass and give
to one of the safety ushers
or drop off items at the parish office
during business hours.

FAITH & STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Help Homeless Families Through “Just Neighbors”



In 1996, **St. Viator** was one of the founding churches to be part of what is now called **Family Promise**. Since then, we hosted homeless families in our Parish Center for up to four weeks each year.

When the pandemic hit, Family Promise knew they had to help their families in a safer way and they created “Just Neighbors.”

With **Just Neighbors**, we will adopt one family at a time and help them get back on their feet. We will get to know our adopted family and their needs, then do what we can to fill those needs.

At this time, **all our contact with our adopted family will be virtually**, so you can do it from the comfort of your home.

How Can I Or My Family Help?

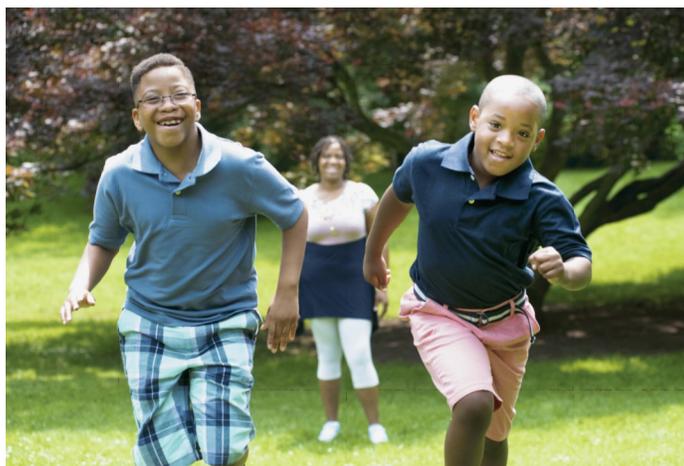
As you can see, this is an exciting opportunity for individuals and families to live out our faith and help others.

Do you like . . .

- . . . talking with people?
- . . . working with children?
- . . . shopping?
- . . . planning and coordinating activities?

then you will be perfect for Just Neighbors!

We are looking for **weekly volunteers: callers, organizers of donations, tutors for children, shoppers, and drivers** to deliver items to Family Promise.



If you would like to be part of this exciting new program, email your preferences to ministers@stviator.org.

Everyone dealing directly with the families must receive special training through Family Promise and fulfill the diocesan volunteer requirements.



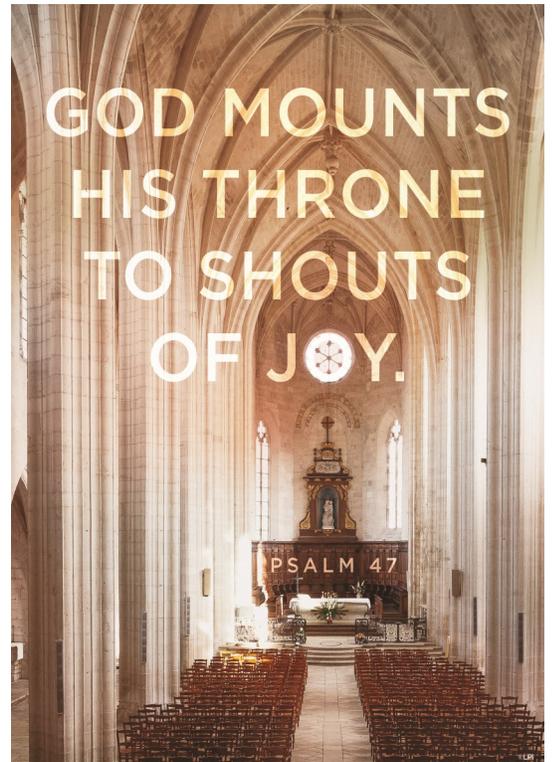
Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass Extension April 25 - May 30, 2021

While I have granted permission to begin the reopening of public Masses, due to the ongoing gravity of the present moment and the restrictions being placed on us during the civil reopening plan, I hereby extend the dispensation for **all Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas and those Catholics visiting within the geographic boundaries of our Diocese, from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation up to and including Sunday, May 30, 2021.**

While we recognize that many are eager to return to Mass in our churches, it remains important for those who are elderly and otherwise at risk to refrain from returning to public Liturgies until it is manifestly safe to do so. For all the faithful, especially those who are sick, at high risk of becoming sick, and their caregivers, the obligation to attend Mass is hereby dispensed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas
Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas



The Solemnity of
The Ascension of Our Lord
has been transferred to
Sunday, May 16th

Part-time Janitorial/Security Maintenance Position For Holy Family Church

Seeking a highly motivated, experienced and presentable individual

Requirements:

- Dependable transportation
- Work documents
- Bi-lingual necessary
- Able to follow instruction
- Pass criminal background check
- Work with little supervision
- Able to lift 50+ lbs if necessary
- Requires complete physical mobility - reach, bend, stoop, kneel, & stand for extended periods
- Able to perform general building and grounds maintenance

Hours - requires a flexible schedule, including but not limited to evenings, weekends, holidays, etc.

Job description - janitorial/maintenance for the parish property.

Duties include but are not limited to the following responsibilities:

- Clean floors and restrooms, wash walls and glass, and trash removal
- Set up for church celebrations
- Some maintenance involved

Send resume to: lovegospa96@yahoo.com and put Part-time in subject line.

No phone calls or walk-ins accepted

STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

Stewardship Reflection

Choosing To Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Thank you,
for your CSA donations!**

2019 CSA Assessment: \$129,130
Donations to date: \$152,300

**Every dollar over our assessment
comes back to our parish!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of May 15 and 16, 2021, our Diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic University of America (CUA).

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in our diocese stay in our diocese to support our local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

This collection also benefits The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. At every level, the university is dedicated to the advancement of learning and the development of knowledge to discover and impart truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation and the world.

For more information on the important work of the Catholic Communication Campaign, please visit www.usccb.org/ccs and for further information on The Catholic University of America visit www.cua.edu.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+George Leo Thomas".

+George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Bishop of Las Vegas

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to the St. Viator Faith Formation Confirmation Class of 2021

The following individuals received the sacrament of Confirmation and were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they follow God's will as He guides them on their journey and may their faith grow in love and service to Him.

Faith Formation Confirmation Class Confirmed April 24, 2021



Maria Aiello	Jordyne Johnston
Chimeze Anozie	Thomas Keating
Amelia Azares	Heaven Lopez
Noah Bambilla	Samantha Lopez
Alexandra Buskevicius	Peyton Manriquez
Anneliz Cadiz	Anthony Martinez
Natalie Carboni	Sebastian Martinez
Carla Caione	Regan Miller
Emily Colbert	Joseph Mody
Scott Collier	Isabel Napoli
Vincent Conti	Taurean Otto
Julissa Coronel	Katie Paez
Marcos Coronel	Madison Paige
Logan Davis	Alexis Payan
Jessica Dieleman	Rylie Perez
Krisalyn Esparaza	Stryder Ratajczyk
Julianne Gonzalez	Reagan Samson
Gannon Gradyan	Riley Stannard
Gracesyn Gradyan	Izabel Storla
Samuel Gugino	Katelyn Vena
Abigail Hartz	Cecilia Vokas
Alex Hernandez	Marilyn Walsh
Reagan Holmes	



CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021



Our parish is grateful to Rosy Hartz, Youth Faith Formation Coordinator, as well as the facilitators and youth leaders who guided these students on their faith journey.



CONFIRMATION



Confirmation Facilitators and Youth Leaders

Paul Hartz
Erica Silvestri
Michael Kershaw
Nico Rodriguez
Brian Barrett
Kayla Hill
Brian Glasgow
Alyssa Glasgow
Jolene Wiczorek
Romeo Perez
Shelby Wiczorek
Keely Ratajczyk
Mia Bean
Daniel Skurski
Anthony Gugino
Tommy Gugino
Marty Flynn
Cathy Flynn



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Flocknote

A new way to keep up on parish news/events [click here](#) for details on flocknote



Reconciliation

Reconciliation is back. [click here](#) for details



Welcome Home!

Here is what you can expect at Mass at St. Viator.



Sunday Mass Sign Up

RESERVE SEAT HERE

If you do not have computer access, call 702.733.8323 to reserve.

Mass Schedule & Bulletin online

Quicklinks

- [Mass Schedule](#)
- [Bulletins](#)
- [Parish Registration](#)
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And now you can receive text messages from our parish with the latest Mass schedule and other important news by joining flocknote.



Just text "sox" to 84576

FAITH & WORSHIP

Gospel Reflection

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy.

Readings *Week* of the ©LPI

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

MONDAY, MAY 10

Acts 16:11-15
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]
John 15:26 - 16:4a

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Acts 16:22-34
Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]
John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1
Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
John 16:12-15

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Acts 18:1-8
Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]
John 16:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]
John 15:9-17

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Acts 18:23-28
Psalms 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]
John 16:23b-28

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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FAITH & NEWS



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Diocese of Reno
Bishop Randolph Calvo,

April 13, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There are two bills in the Nevada legislature which would make doctor prescribed suicide legal in our state. Although there are differences in SB 105 and AB 351 each provides that if a patient has been diagnosed with a medical condition which may be terminal within six months, the treating physician is required to inform the patient that they may request their doctor to prescribe suicide pills.

In states such as Oregon and California, which have enacted doctor prescribed suicide, some medical insurance companies have refused to approve medical procedures requested by physicians, and have instead informed the treating physician that the insurance company will only approve prescribing the suicide pills. What will the insurance companies do next? Will the insurance companies deny treatment to people with medical conditions, or disabilities, which would be fatal without expensive medical procedures, and, instead, only offer to pay for the suicide pills? Will the elderly be denied potential lifesaving treatments, and be offered the choice to take a deadly poison, so they “won’t” be a burden on their family? Stated differently, will the “right to die”, turn into a “duty to die”?

What impact would these bills have on young people struggling with emotional issues and considering suicide. What about persons battling depression or suffering from traumatic brain injury? What is the message to our veterans, who are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder? Do SB 105 and AB 351 send our veterans the message that suicide is an acceptable alternative? In Oregon, the total suicide rate has increased by more than twice the national suicide rate since physician assisted suicide was passed.

The proponents of SB 105 and AB 351 view these laws as progress. We believe that legalizing physician assisted suicide in Nevada will lead to the same issues which now plague Oregon and California.

We ask for your help in making our legislators understand the Church’s position on physician assisted suicide. Please make your opposition on SB 105 and AB 351 clear to Nevada Legislators by following the instructions in the attachments.

Please also call your Senator and Assemblyperson and leave a message that you oppose SB 105 and AB 351. Thank you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading “+George Leo Thomas”.

Bishop Randolph R. Calvo
Diocese of Reno

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